

Application No. 10/810,405
Reply to Office Action of December 15, 2006

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 40-70. Claims 1-39 have been cancelled and new claims 41-70 have been introduced. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

The Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claim 40. In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Applicant has cancelled claims 1-39 without prejudice and has reserved the right to pursue these canceled claims in a subsequent continuing application. The Applicant has introduced new claims 41-70, which the Applicant submits are allowable.

With respect to the present application, the Applicant hereby rescinds any implicit or explicit disclaimer of claim scope made in the present application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer, if any, and the prior art that it was made to avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

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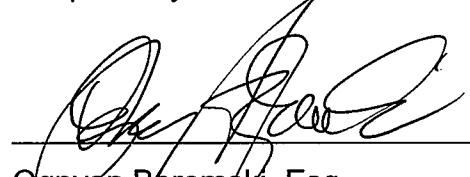
CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all claims 40-70 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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